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FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: US AIRCRAFT SALES TO OMAN

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY OF MARCH 16 RE STATUS OF DOUGLAS
DC-9 SALES TO OMAN, OMAN MINDEFENSE DIRECTOR GENERAL
SEMPLE INFORMED ME THAT:

A. ONE SALE (SULTAN'S PERSONAL AIRCRAFT) CONFIRMED. TWO
OTHERS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR EELTAN'S AIR FORCE TO
REPLACE AGING VISCOUNTS. BOEING 727S WERE ALSO CON
SIDERED BUT CHOICE NOW LIES BETWEEN DC-9B AND BAC-111.
LATTER IS SOMEWHAT CHEAPER AND BETTER SUITED FOR SHORTER
GRAVEL SURFACE RUNWAYS. HOWEVER DC-9 OFFERS GREATER
PAYLOAD FOR PRICE AND WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF INTER-
CHANGEABILITY PARTS AND MAINTENANCE WITH SULTAN'S DC-9.
BOEING REPRESENTATIVE HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE FURTHER
DATA ON ADAPTATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT GRAVEL STRIP USE
FOR DC-9.

B. C-130S HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED; MINISTRY
WISHES FOR VARIOUS PRACTICAL UTILITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS TO
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MOVE DIRECTLY JETS.

C. MINISTRY HAS CONTRACTED FOR EIGHT BRITISH ISLANDER AIRCRAFT (6-8 PASSENGERS) TO REPLACE BEAVER AIRCRAFT. SIX WILL BE USED FOR MILITARY FLIGHTS TO OUTLYING AREAS; TWO WILL BE RESERVED FOR MINISTERS TO ENCOURAGE THEM SPEND MORE TIME TOURING OUTLYING AREAS.

2. I TOLD SEMPLE WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PUSHING EXPENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON OMAN, BUT WHENEVER OMAN GOVERNMENT DETERMINED IT HAD A MILITARY PROCUREMENT NEED WE WOULD BE WILLING TO FACILITATE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE AMERICAN FIRM.

3. COMMENT: UNDERSTAND BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAWLEY IS LOBBYING ACTIVELY WITH SULTAN AND FONMIN FOR BAC-111S. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT SAUDI FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER/FIVE-PERCENTER GHASSAN SHAKIR IS REPRESENTING DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT INTERESTS HERE AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE OR FRUITFUL FOR US TO BECOME INVOLVED ON POLITICAL LEVEL. FONMIN ZAWAWI IS NOT ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH SHAKIR ON FOREIGN POLICY LEVEL BUT ZAWAWI FAMILY SHARES BUSINESS INTEREST WITH SHAKIR. STOLTZFUS

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